

**2006 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION - OCTOBER 31, 2006**

On Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the **2006 Special Town Election** was held at the Nantucket High School, 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket, MA. 02554. It was called on a Warrant by the Board of Selectmen on September 26th and duly posted by Constable and Town Clerk, Catherine Flanagan Stover on September 27<sup>th</sup>. At the close of registration on October 11<sup>th</sup>, there were **7977** registered voters.

At 5:30 AM, 5000 sealed, and unmarked regular ballots were delivered to the polls by Warden Frank Psaradelis, to the polls. At 6:25 AM, the Warden and Town Clerk inspected the Accu-Vote 2000 ballot box and it proved to be empty. At 6:31 AM, a zero ballot report was printed, signed and posted. At 6:45 AM, the elections officers were sworn in by the Town Clerk.

At 7:00 AM, the Warden announced to all that the polls were open. The Deputy Ward Clerk delivered **375** ballots to the check-in Inspectors. (Twenty-five ballots had been used in the Test Deck.) Officer Mike Wells from the NPD reported for duty.

Additional blocks of 200 ballots at a time were dispensed throughout the day.

***[Town Clerk's note: The voting machine registered 240 voters at 11:36 AM. This number did not include the number of ballots rejected by the machine.]***

Since it was Halloween, the election inspectors wore witch hats, and stick-on bats, ghosts, and pumpkins on their name tags. Many voters voted in costume, and the polls were decorated for the holiday! The atmosphere was very festive, and it was decided that we should hold an election every year on Halloween, whether we need one or not!

At 12:06 PM, the Deputy Clerk and Warden inspected and read each name and address listed on all absentee ballot envelopes received, for a total of one hundred sixty-four (164) . The names were marked off on the absentee-voter master list. The inspectors marked the names on the voters' check-in and check-out lists.

***[Town Clerk's note: The voting machine registered 310 voters at 2:40 PM. This number did not include the number of ballots rejected by the machine.]***

Throughout the day there was one (1) spoiled ballot. It was marked with an “X” in red pen, marked “spoiled,” and placed in an envelope. The envelope was sealed at the close of the election.

Throughout the day, there were eight (8) additional absentee ballots hand-carried to the polls by Officer Keith Mansfield of NPD. There was also one absentee ballot that had arrived via a family member. The names were checked on the voters list, and were processed. The ballots were cast.

At 8:00 PM, the Warden announced to one and all that the polls were closed. Those who were in line were allowed to cast their vote.

Announced as such, preliminary totals were printed, signed and posted at 8:02 PM.

At 8:01 PM, the election tellers were sworn in by the Town Clerk. Hand-counting of fifty-four (54) machine- rejected ballots commenced. The necessary adjustments to the preliminary totals were entered onto the tally sheets. At 8:16 PM, the **2006 Special Town Election** results were announced as follows:

<b><u>Question One:</u></b>		
<b>YES</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>ballots</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>ballots</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ballots</b>

<b>TOTAL BALLOTS CAST:</b>	
<b>7977</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>
<b>584</b>	<b>Ballots cast</b>
<b>7.3%</b>	<b>Percentage voting</b>

All unmarked, unvoted ballots were sealed in a box by Warden Frank Psaradelis.

After the tallying, all election materials were sealed in envelopes and boxes. Voted and marked ballots were secured in one (1) ballot transfer cases, and locked.

Catherine Flanagan Stover, CMC, CMMC  
Town & County Clerk

**Election Record – October 31, 2006 Special Town Election**